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### HAY PRICES AGAIN EDGE HIGHER

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during December was 112 percent of the 1990-1992 base, according to Kim Faircloth with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The index was up 3 points (3 percent) from November but down 14 points (11 percent) from December 2005. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes

The **All Livestock Index**, at 109, was up 2 points (2 percent) from November but down 20 points (16 percent) from December 2005. Livestock prices were down from last month except for sheep and lambs. All livestock prices were down from this time last year. Cow prices averaged \$40.00 per hundredweight, \$1.10 below November and \$10.80 lower than December 2005. Steer and heifer prices, at \$104.00 per hundredweight, were down \$1.00 from last month and down \$13.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$120.00 per hundredweight, down \$2.00 from last month and \$26.00 lower than December 2005. Sheep prices, at \$30.00, were \$2.30 above November but \$13.60 below last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$115.00, were \$3.00 above last month but \$7.00 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 127, was up 3 points (2 percent) from November and up 17 points (15 percent) from last December. Hay prices were higher than last month while other crop prices were unchanged. Prices were at or above last year for all crops. Corn averaged \$2.50 per bushel, up 1 cent from November and up 10 cents from December 2005. Wheat averaged \$4.55, unchanged from November, but up \$1.15 from last year. It continues to be the highest wheat price since June 1996. Dry beans averaged \$20.50 per hundredweight in December, unchanged from both November and last year. Alfalfa hay was up \$3.00 per ton from last month and \$20.00 per ton from last year, rising to \$97.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$94.00 per ton, was also up \$3.00 from November and up \$21.00 from last year. Hay prices were the highest since May 2003.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 121 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (1 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 6 points (5 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (3 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, corn, grapes, and broccoli. Lower prices were received for turkeys, cattle, hogs, and tomatoes.

The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of oranges, wheat, milk, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 6 points (5 percent) from December 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 123, increased 2 points (2 percent) from last month and 1 point (1 percent) from December 2005.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, DECEMBER 2005, NOVEMBER 2006, AND DECEMBER 15, 2006 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		DEC 2005	NOV 2006	DEC 15 2006	DEC 2005	NOV 2006	DEC 15 2006	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	50.80	41.10	40.00	47.10	43.40	42.90	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	117.00	105.00	104.00	99.60	90.20	89.20	—
Calves	100#	146.00	122.00	120.00	137.00	118.00	115.00	43%
Sheep	100#	43.60	27.70	30.00	49.30	30.90	1/	—
Lambs	100#	122.00	112.00	115.00	100.00	95.00	1/	—
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2.40	2.49	2.50	1.92	2.87	3.01	38%
Oats	Bu.	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.73	2.02	2.06	47%
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	1.76	2.85	3.14	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.40	4.55	4.55	3.53	4.59	4.59	44%
Dry Beans	100#	20.50	20.50	20.50	18.10	21.60	21.60	39%
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	77.00	94.00	97.00	96.90	109.00	109.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	73.00	91.00	94.00	82.10	98.10	99.30	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.

2/Insufficient sales to establish a price.

**NOTE:** Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

### INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	DEC 2005	NOV 2006	DEC 15 2006	DEC 2005	NOV 2006	DEC 15 2006
<b>All Commodities</b>	126	109	112	115	120	121
<b>All Crops</b>	110	124	127	111	123	129
<b>All Livestock and Products</b>	129	107	109	120	116	113

## WYOMING CROP PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2005

**WYOMING:** The Crop Production Index for **Wyoming** field crops in 2006 was 114 percent of the 1957-59 base. This is a decrease of 10 points from 2005 and near the 117 percent attained in 2004. Production of corn silage, sugarbeet and oats increased from 2005. Winter Wheat, spring wheat, corn for grain, dry beans, barley, alfalfa hay, and other hay all decreased.

**SMALL GRAINS:** The 2006 Wyoming **winter wheat** production decreased 16 percent from the previous year to 3.65 million bushels. Farmers harvested 135,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2005. Yields averaged 27 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from 2005. **Spring wheat** production totaled 234,000 bushels, 26 percent less than in 2005. Harvested acres were down 1,000 acres to 6,000, and yield averaged 39 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from 2005. **Barley** production, at 4.73 million bushels, was down 15 percent from 2005 and the smallest since 2002. Acreage harvested was 57,000 was down 3,000 acres and yield at 83 was down 10 bushels per acre. Production of **oats** in the State in 2006 was up 14 percent from 2005 to 684,000 bushels. The average yield was up 7 bushels from 2005 to 57 bushels per acre with 12,000 acres harvested for grain, unchanged from last year.

**ROW CROPS:** **Corn for grain** production in Wyoming during 2006 totaled 5.81 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2005 and the smallest since 2002. Growers harvested 45,000 acres for grain, down 4,000 acres from 2005. Yields averaged 129 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels from last year's record high. **Corn silage** production, at 748,000 tons, was up 13 percent for both acreage and production from the previous year.

**All dry bean** production totaled 590,000 hundredweight, down 24 percent from 2005. Harvested area, at 27,500 acres, was down 5,500 acres from 2005. Average yield was down 200 pounds to 2,150 pounds per acre and the smallest yield since 2002. **Pinto bean** production in Wyoming totaled 510,000 hundredweight, **great northern bean** production was 17,000 hundredweight, and **navy bean** production totaled 35,000 hundredweight. There was also 28,000 hundredweight of **other dry bean** types produced. **Sugarbeet** production totaled 814,000 tons, up 2 percent from 2005. Harvested acreage was up 5,000 acres from 2005, but average yield, at 19.9 tons per acre, was down 2.4 tons per acre.

**HAY:** **All hay** production in Wyoming totaled 2.12 million tons in 2006, down 9 percent from the previous year, but up 3 percent from 2004. **Alfalfa hay** production totaled 1.40 million tons, down 10 percent from 2005, but 7 percent above 2004. Alfalfa acreage harvested was down 17 percent, but the average yield was up 0.2 ton to 2.8 tons per acre. **Other hay** production totaled 715,000 tons, down 5 percent from 2005 and the lowest since 2002. Acreage cut for all other hay totaled 550,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2005 and 2004. Average yield for other hay was 1.3 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from 2005. A total of 30,000 acres were newly seeded to **alfalfa**, down 25,000 acres from 2005, but up 2,000 acres from 2004.

### ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY 2005 AND 2006

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	06/05 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		
WYOMING									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	80	85	49	45	140.0	129.0	6,860	5,805	85%
Corn Silage (tons)			30	34	22.0	22.0	660	748	113%
Winter Wheat (bu)	160	150	145	135	30.0	27.0	4,350	3,645	84%
Other Spring Wheat (bu)	9	8	7	6	45.0	39.0	315	234	74%
Oats (bu)	55	48	12	12	50.0	57.0	600	684	114%
Barley (bu)	75	70	60	57	93.0	83.0	5,580	4,731	85%
Sugarbeets (tons)	36.2	42.8	35.9	40.9	22.3	19.9	801	814	102%
Dry Beans (cwt)	34.0	29.0	33.0	27.5	23.5	21.5	776	590	76%
Pinto	29	25	28.3	24.0	23.8	21.3	674	510	76%
Great Northern	1.8	1.0	1.7	0.7	21.8	24.3	37	17	46%
Navy	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.4	23.0	25.0	23	35	152%
Other Classes	2.2	1.5	2.0	1.4	23.5	21.5	776	590	76%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—		600	500	2.60	2.80	1,560	1,400	90%
Other Hay (tons)	—		540	550	1.40	1.30	756	715	95%
All Hay (tons)	—		1,140	1,050	2.03	2.03	2,316	2,115	91%
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	81,779	78,327	75,117	70,648	148.0	149.1	11,114,082	10,534,868	95%
Corn Silage (tons)			5,930	6,477	18.0	16.2	106,486	104,849	98%
Winter Wheat (bu)	40,433	40,575	33,794	31,117	44.4	41.7	1,499,129	1,298,081	87%
Other Spring Wheat (bu)	14,036	14,899	13,609	13,878	37.1	33.2	504,456	460,480	91%
Oats (bu)	4,246	4,168	1,823	1,576	63.0	59.5	114,878	93,764	82%
Barley (bu)	3,875	3,452	3,269	2,951	64.8	61.0	211,896	180,051	85%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,299.8	1,366.7	1,242.9	1,304.1	22.1	25.9	27,433	33,765	123%
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,630.0	1,629.8	1,533.6	1,537.6	17.5	15.8	26,772	24,247	91%
Pinto	784.8	690.9	726.1	652.6	17.4	14.7	12,601	9,618	76%
Great Northern	72.8	69.7	71.2	59.3	22.3	20.1	1,585	1,190	75%
Navy	236.4	280.7	223.4	263.9	17.9	16.5	3,995	4,353	109%
Other classes	44.3	41.6	41.0	38.9	17.5	15.8	26,772	24,247	91%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—		22,439	21,384	3.39	3.35	76,149	71,666	94%
Other Hay (tons)	—		39,290	39,423	1.91	1.78	74,868	70,000	93%
All Hay (tons)	—		61,729	60,807	2.45	2.33	151,017	141,666	94%

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on December 1, 2006. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 2005 and 6 percent above December 1, 2004. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

**Placements** in feedlots during November totaled 1.89 million, 8 percent below 2005 but 8 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.81 million. This is the second lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 555,000, 600-699 pounds were 565,000, 700-799 pounds were 404,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 365,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million, 6 percent above 2005 and 10 percent above 2004. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996.

**Other disappearance** totaled 83,000 during November, 9 percent below 2005 and 23 percent below 2004.

## CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, DEC. 1, 2005-2006 1/

State	On Feed Nov 1, 2006	Place- ments Nov 2006	Market- ings Nov 2006	Other Disapp. Nov2006	On Feed Dec 1, 2006	On Feed Dec 1, 2005
Thousand Head						
CO	1,130	150	150	10	1,120	1,070
KS	2,550	405	385	20	2,550	2,470
NE	2,440	460	380	10	2,510	2,400
TX	2,990	435	500	25	2,900	2,940
Oth Sts.	2,859	439	387	18	2,893	2,846
U.S.	11,969	1,889	1,802	83	11,973	11,726

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## U.S. WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS UP 9 PERCENT; WYOMING UP 7 PERCENT

Wyoming farmers seeded an estimated 160,000 acres of **winter wheat** for harvest in 2007. This is a 7 percent increase, or 10,000 acres, from 2006 but is unchanged from the 2005 crop.

**Nationally**, winter wheat seeded area for 2007 is expected to total 44.1 million acres, up 9 percent from both 2006 and 2005. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 31.9 million; Soft Red Winter, 8.3 million; and White Winter, 3.9 million.

## WINTER WHEAT: AREA SEEDED SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2005-2007

SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2005-2007				
State	Crop Year			% 07/06
	2005	2006	2007	
———— 1,000 Acres ————				
CO	2,550	2,150	2,250	105%
KS	10,000	9,800	10,300	105%
MT	2,150	1,950	2,150	110%
NE	1,850	1,800	1,950	108%
OK	5,700	5,700	6,100	107%
SD	1,550	1,450	1,900	131%
TX	5,500	5,500	6,000	108%
<b>WY</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>107%</b>
U.S.	40,433	40,575	44,089	109%

## MORE BREEDING HOGS IN WYOMING; FEWER MARKET HOGS

**WYOMING:** The December 1, 2006 inventory of all hogs and pigs in Wyoming totaled 100,000 head, compared with 105,000 head a year earlier. Breeding inventory was up 6,000 head from last year to 25,000 which was the largest number of breeding hogs on December 1 since 2000.

A total of 43,500 sows farrowed during the 12 month period ending December 1, 2006. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.7 for an annual pig crop of 377,000 pigs. The pig crop was down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier, when 44,000 sows farrowed 384,000 pigs.

**UNITED STATES:** **U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006 was 62.1 million head, up 1 percent from December 1, 2005, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2006. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.09 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 56.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The **annual U.S. pig crop** for the 12 months ending December 1, 2006 totaled 105.4 million pigs, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

## HOG AND PIG INVENTORY AND PIG CROP, WYOMING AND U.S., 2005-2006

	2005	2006	% 06/05
1,000 head			
<b>WYOMING</b>			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	105	100	95%
for Breeding	19	25	132%
for Market	86	75	87%
Annual Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	44	44	99%
Annual Pig Crop	384	377	98%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	61,449	62,149	101%
for Breeding	6,011	6,088	101%
for Market	55,438	56,061	101%
Annual Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	11,535	11,590	100%
Annual Pig Crop	103,965	105,423	101%

1/ December preceding year.

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## U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION RECORD HIGH FOR NOVEMBER

**Commercial red meat** production in *Wyoming* during November 2006 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 68 percent from the previous month but down 3 percent from November 2005. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

**Red Meat production** from January to November 2006 totaled 5.5 million pounds, down 10 percent from the same period last year.

**United States: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in November 2005.

**Beef production**, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, up 6 percent from November 2005. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year to 1,291 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.89 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.37 million head, 3 percent above November 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 273 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.3 million pounds, was down 3 percent from November 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,800 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, down 3 pounds from November a year ago.

**January to November 2006 commercial red meat production** was 43.5 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down slightly, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 2005 AND 2006, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2006	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2006	% 06/05	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2006	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2006	% 06/05
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
<b>Cattle</b>	600	600	680	657	97%	2,668,100	2,841,200	3,426,680	3,668,805	107%
<b>Hogs</b>	400	300	103	92	89%	9,133,200	9,367,600	2,483,833	2,552,774	103%
<b>Sheep &amp; Lambs</b>	200	100	22	16	73%	224,600	223,800	31,545	30,627	97%

### WYOMING MILK COWS INCREASE SLIGHTLY

**WYOMING:** The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during October - December 2006 averaged 6,900 head. The number of cows was the highest since the first quarter of 1995. The number was up 100 head from the previous quarter and 700 head from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during 2006's last quarter was 29.7 million pounds, down 5 percent from the previous three months but up 30 percent from the same quarter last year. .

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the U.S. during the October - December quarter totaled 44.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.12 million head, 56,000 head more than the same period last year.

### MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., OCT-DEC, 2005 AND 2006

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		% 06/05
	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>WY</b>	6.2	6.9	22.9	29.7	130%
<b>CA</b>	1,769	1,781	9,383	9,660	103%
<b>CO</b>	105	113	587	644	110%
<b>ID</b>	471	498	2,586	2,729	106%
<b>MT</b>	19	18	93	85	92%
<b>NE</b>	60	61	267	274	103%
<b>SD</b>	81	81	358	379	106%
<b>UT</b>	85	86	413	458	111%
<b>WI</b>	1,238	1,247	5,652	5,747	102%
<b>US</b>	9,060	9,116	43,674	44,639	102%

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.